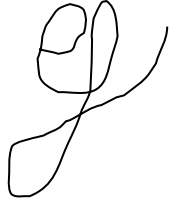




INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 7, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2019 Budget Overview (FCS18096) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

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Information:

The 2019 Budget Overview (Report FCS18096) provides a summary of the 2019 Budget Process and Schedule. Preliminary budget information will be provided to the General Issues Committee (GIC) in a staff presentation.

The 2019 Budget Process incorporates the following four components. The Budget Schedule is also provided for your information.

Rate Budget

The City of Hamilton's Rate Supported Operating Budget provides the cost and ongoing financial obligations to deliver water, wastewater and stormwater programs and services to ratepayers. The City of Hamilton's Rate Supported Capital Budget supports the City's investment in capital infrastructure and capital assets. The cost for water, wastewater and stormwater programs are fully funded from user fees and, therefore, do not affect municipal property taxes.

The 2019 recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (Report FCS18087) was presented to GIC on December 6, 2018.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Tax Capital Budget

The City of Hamilton's multi-year Capital Budget supports the City's planned investment in capital infrastructure and capital assets. The Tax Supported Capital Budget Available Funding represents a portion of the financing required to support the City's existing capital infrastructure repair and replacement requirements based on industry standards and Council priorities.

The 2019 Tax Supported Capital Budget (Report FCS18097) is being presented to GIC on December 7, 2018.

Tax Supported Operating Budget

The City of Hamilton's Tax Supported Operating Budget provides the costs and ongoing financial obligations to deliver programs and services to taxpayers.

The 2019 Tax Supported Preliminary Operating Budget will be presented to GIC on December 7, 2018. This includes the distribution of two budget books in the form of Appendix "A" – Book One, "2019 Preliminary Tax Supported Operating Budget Report" and Appendix "A" – Book Two, "2019 – 2022 Business Plans".

Tax Supported User Fees

The City of Hamilton's User Fees represent charges to individual users of specific municipal services and are an integral part of the annual budget process. Revenue estimates for the current budget year are based on the fees contained in the Tax Supported User Fee Report (Report FCS18094) and other user fee reports are included in the Tax Supported Operating Budget.

The 2019 Tax Supported User Fees (Report FCS18094) is being submitted to GIC on December 12, 2018.

Budget Schedule

The schedule for the Budget GIC meetings is summarized in the following Table:

Item	Date
Rate Budget	December 6 and 13, 2018
Tax Capital Budget	December 7 and 14, 2018
Tax Operating Budget	
Overview	December 7, 2018
User Fees	December 12, 2018 (Regular GIC)
Departmental Budget Presentation	January 18, 29, 30, 31 and February 8, 2019
Public Delegations	February 11, 2019
GIC Budget Deliberations	February 15, 25, 28 and March 1, 2019
Council Budget Approval	March 27, 2019

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Appendix “A” – Book One, “2019 Preliminary Tax Supported Operating Budget Report”
Appendix “A” – Book Two, “2019 – 2022 Business Plans”

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